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Title : Sealing Arrangement for Sealing a Gap Between Two
Components Which Can Rotate in Relation to Each
Other About a Common Rotational Axis

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 21, 2007. The two-month extended response due date is May 21, 2008.

A Listing of the Currently Pending Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.